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A PERSONAL NOTE: Karen and I visited **Joanne and George Ansbro** recently. They are both well and looking forward to this year's convention. Karen and I also presented a musical program at their retirement home in Bloomfield, CT. **Lora Palmer**, a frequent attendee, was in the audience. The Ansbro's produced and directed a radio program with the residents. It was from a SHADOW script, given to them by Bill Nadel...**If anyone wants information in HA**, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: The Elmira Little Theatre presented its 15th annual Golden Age of Radio performance on April 5 – 7 at the Mandeville Hall in Elmira, NY. It was the most successful ever with 4 sold out performances. Again it was directed by **Gary Yogg** with **Ed Clute** supplying the music and **Bart Curtis** doing the sound effects. **Gale Storm** was the special guest this year.

SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The 2001 “**2nd, Revised Ultimate History**” is now available. The cost is **\$47 plus \$4** for new buyers and **\$37 plus \$4** for those that bought the 1996 version and all 4 supplements (Orange Cover).

CONVENTION 2002: Dates are Oct 24 - 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Invitations went out to an all-star cast. Our web site will keep you up to date as we get responses.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The Tenth annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script, as before, but with one **DIFFERENCE**: this time it must **not** be based on a radio program of the past. It can be comedy or drama, period, present-day or future, but try to find a format NOT rooted in Golden Age Radio - perhaps a new, strong character we have never met before - or a group of them. Leave space for short commercials - one after the opening teaser, a middle spot and a closing one - unless you are inspired to write your own commercials for an existing or a mythical product. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped. It must be double spaced and have large enough type.

The prize for the best script will be \$200 and will have its live performance at our 2003 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. There will be some rehearsal time. There will also be a second prize winner, who will be awarded \$100, but not performed.

Scripts must be submitted by **August 30, 2002**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. Return receipt is not necessary. A distinguished panel of three judges including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. One of the judges will forward detailed suggestions to non-winners for future improvements. They must be very readable. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send a SASE to Mr. Zwengler. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter, Arlene Osborne and Michael Leannah. This year's winners were **Becky Beach and John**

Bell.

CONVENTION 2001: 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each plus \$.34 postage. FOTR microphone key chains which we gave out in 2000 to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 26th Annual FOTR Convention (2001) are available from AVPRO (Don Aston). Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$65. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 5 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

**Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022
<aston@linkline.com>**

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it.

Chattanooga Airwaves: Mar – Apr; article about radio commercials...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Apr; bios of the cast of the Lum and Abner move, the Bashful Bachelor... June; articles about Elizabeth Goff; Elmore Vincent...**Radio Recall**, Feb; articles about Parker Fennelly; archiving with mp3; Harry Bartell; Mike Wallace...**Illustrated Press**, Apr; articles about Goodman Ace; Jack Benny's Maxwell...May; articles about Bob Hope; Continuing Appeal of OTR...**Return With Us Now**, Apr; article about Larry Albert, a current-day radio actor...May; article about the Nelsons...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Apr; article about Herm Saunders, musician and producer...May; articles about Dave Warren; Milwaukee Area Radio enthusiasts; Gale Storm; "The Outer Limit;"**Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about Captain Midnight's Code-O-Graphs; Jeanette Nolan; The Sonovox...**National Audio Theatre News**, Winter/spring; article about Teaching Imagination...**RLL On the Air**, Mar; articles about Archie Andrews...**Nostalgia Digest**, June – July; articles about Virginia Payne; Gary Cooper; Cereal Box Tops; FDC and the Media; The Lone Ranger; Bob and Ray in Boston ..**Air Check**, Spring; articles about Dallas McKennon; Variety Shows; Lum and Abner and the NLAS

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Jim Cox** has another book out. It is called "**Say Goodnight, Gracie**," The Last years of Network Radio. The main part of the book is network radio during the 1950's. The last chapter covers 1961 to the present. It is published by McFarland & Co., 1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460 (WWW.McFarlandpub.com). Cost is \$35 softcover.**The First Supplement to Tech Guide 3** is available and will be sent out next week. It is free of charge to anyone who ordered the book and is included with any new requests for the book. It includes my article on "baking" reels, one other piece and some additional Ed Cole material. The book is still available at the same price: \$10 + \$5 s&h. Send \$15 to **Bob Burnham**, Box 158, Dearborn Hts., MI 48127. Very recommended...**Performing Arts Broadcasting**, Library of Congress; available from the Superintendent of Documents, Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250 (FAX) 512-2250; cost is \$47, published 2002; 209 pages and 245 illustration; Several informative articles about radio and early television.

CONVENTIONS:

National Audio Theater Festival, May 26 – June 1, 2002, Southwest Missouri

State University., West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedia1@aol.com>. They also have a script contest.

Memphis Western Film Festival, June 13 – 15, 2002 at Holiday Inn, Select, Memphis, TN; Contact Ray Nielsen, Box 87, Conway, Arkansas <rnielsen@alltel.net> or on the web at <www.memphisfilmfestival.com>

18th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 14 – 15, 2002 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110 <CampHoll@aol.com>

REPS Radio Showcase X, June 28 and 29, 2002 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <hrrmikes@aol.com>

27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 24 – 27 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

SPERDVAC Convention: Nov 8 – 10 at Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo; details when available;

17th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 11 – 12, 2003; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333. <haradio@hotmail.com>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>... **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)... **Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BCR (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com>... **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>... **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>... **John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html>... **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>... **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>... **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>... **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>... **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>... **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>... **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>... **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>... **The OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>>... **Doug Kosmonek** <members.shaw.ca/douglas_kosmonek>... new email is <douglas_kosmonek@shaw.ca>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352... **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com>... **Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063... **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)... **Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com>... **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437... **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR... **Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)... **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)... **Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176... **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073... **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)... **Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>... **John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <ThomasMartin2@compuserve.com>... **John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>... **Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, 118 East Palmer Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>... **Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walk-

ersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brccradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater)...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. Great American Radio; Author's Playhouse; Dr. Kildare; Rocky Fortune... Received latest catalog (book) from **Ted Davenport (Radio Memories)**. It is a wealth of radio shows including some I haven't seen before.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Frank Tomaselli**, 1-D Elm-Cedar Glen Homes, Toms River, NJ 08757

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Jane Irwin**, 1436 Wogan Rd., York, PA 17404

OLD FRIENDS: **Bob Reynolds** mentions that the Hank Booraem's National Audio Radio Theater has moved to Tryon, NC. They are also selling the program tapes to the public and using the profits to produce more programs for the blind. If dealers would like a list, send a SASE to **Ike Wilson, NAT, Box 700, Tryon, NC 28782.**

IN FOND MEMORY: **Milton Berle**, Mar 27, 93; Mr. Television was on radio from 1936 - 1949...**Billy Wilder**, Mar 27, 95; the director was on 2 Screen Directors Playhouse and one Lady Esther Screen Guild Players...**Barry Took**, 73, Apr 1; British actor, producer and comedian (Round the Horne; Educating Archie)...**John Agar**; Apr 7, 81; actor and first husband of Shirley Temple; appeared in NBC University Theater of the Air (Red Badge of Courage)...**Charlie Mullen**, Apr 14, 74; former Chairman of American Tobacco Co., On radio was one of the actors who played Archie Andrews. Also he was one of the Beverly Hills Beavers on Jack Benny. He attending our convention several years ago...**Del Sharbutt**, April 26, 90; radio and television announcer (Club Fifteen, Amos 'n' Andy, Jack Carson)...**Howard Merrill**, Apr 20, 85; child actor and writer for radio and television (Amos 'n' Andy, Leave it to Mike - writer; The Goldbergs - actor)...**Ruth Cracknell**, May 13, 76; Australian actress (Radio, Theater, Film, TV)

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